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## NASA SUBCONTRACTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO GRAND THEFT

On March 17, 2000, Anthony M. Broccolo, operator of S&T Salvage, Deland, FL pled guilty to Grand Theft, a violation of Florida State Statute 812.014, after being charged with stealing scrap video cable from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Kennedy Space Center (KSC), FL. The plea was entered in Brevard County Circuit Court, Titusville, FL. Under the terms of the plea agreement, Broccolo will receive five years probation. Restitution will be determined and ordered at sentencing.

In 1998, S&T Salvage was awarded a contract to remove approximately 100,000 lbs of scrap video cable from KSC. Broccolo failed to report the actual amount of cable removed and subsequently admitted to adding cable to his trucks after weighing the trucks with less than a full load. On December 28, 1999, Broccolo was arrested by the Volusia County Sheriff's Office and released on a \$1,000 bond.

Special Agents from the NASA Inspector General's Office of Criminal Investigations conducted the investigation. Assistant State Attorney Susan Garrett, (407) 617-7510, handled the prosecution of this matter.

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